

Cape Lookout National Seashore  
As of August 15, 2013

**Management Activity**

Routine monitoring of bird (Since March 15<sup>th</sup>) and sea turtle activity (May 1)

**Closure Summary:** Shoreline Closures to Motor Vehicles are seasonal or temporary.  
*(Except for Shackleford Banks, the swim beach closure from Ramp 41 to Ramp 42 and Power Squadron Spit west of the Jetty.)*

*In general the shoreline is open to pedestrians, exceptions will be posted. Boaters can expect interior bird closures, signed closed to all entry, at the inlets and points from April 1 to August 31. Boaters are encouraged to land within 0.25 mile of the inlets. This allows pedestrians to walk the inlet shoreline for access to the ocean shoreline*

Sea Turtle Closures-

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 44 to ramp 41b is closed to motor vehicles for sea turtle hatchlings, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 40 to ramp 38 is closed to motor vehicles for sea turtle hatchlings, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 36 to ramp 35b is closed to motor vehicles for sea turtle hatchlings, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 34 to ramp 32 is closed to motor vehicles For sea turtle hatchlings, detour to the backroad is open

South Core Banks- The beach from mile 24.10 to Ophelia Inlet is closed to motor vehicles for sea turtle hatchlings, there is no detour.

North Core Banks- The beach from mile 1.5 to mile 1.1 is closed to motor vehicles, there is no detour and access to Ocracoke Inlet is temporarily suspended.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 4a to ramp 5b is closed to motor vehicles for sea turtle hatchlings, detour to the backroad is open.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 7a to ramp 8a is closed to motor vehicles for sea turtle hatchlings, detour to the backroad is open.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 11a to ramp 11b is closed to motor vehicles for sea turtle hatchlings, detour to the backroad is open.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 15a to ramp 15b is closed to motor vehicles for sea turtle hatchlings, detour to the backroad is open.

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Recently re-opened

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 13a to ramp 12 is reopen to motor vehicles.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 27 to ramp 26b is reopen to motor vehicles.

*\*Numbers are preliminary and the data will be reviewed before finalized\**

*North Core Banks numbers include middle core section.*

**Piping Plover Summary:** June 1-9 Census= 43 pairs & 2 singles for the seashore

South Core Banks- 10 pairs, 13 nests to date, 0 active nest, 0 broods, 13 fledglings  
North Core Banks- 33 pairs, 39 nests to date, 0 active nests, 0 broods, 34 fledglings  
Shackleford Banks- 0 pairs, 0 nests

**American Oystercatcher Summary:**

South Core Banks- 47 nests to date, 0 active nest, 0 broods, 12 fledglings  
North Core Banks- 50 nests to date, 0 active nest, 0 broods, 13 fledglings  
Shackleford Banks- 8 nests to date, 0 active nests, 0 broods, 0 fledglings

**Colonial Waterbirds:**

South Core Banks- 8 colonies to date  
North Core Banks- 9 colonies to date, 2 active  
Shackleford Banks- 0

**Wilson's Plover:** June 1-9 Census= 91 pairs, 10 singles

**Seashore Sea Turtle Nesting Activity to date:**

North Core Banks- 153 activities, 67 nests, 3 possible nests, 83 false crawls, 10 hatched  
South Core Banks- 175 activities, 92 nests, 3 possible nests, 80 false crawls, 10 hatched  
Shackleford Banks- 31 activities, 22 nests, 2 possible nests, 7 false crawls, 1 hatched

Seashore Total- 359 activities, 181 nests, 8 possible nests, 170 false crawls, 21 hatched